(b) if so, whether it was recommended by the Seminar to allow private sector participation in the planning and development of housing settlements in the country;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government propose to assign the task of housing development to the private sector ; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) The 40th Annual Town and Country Planning Seminar was held at Pune from 15-17 Jan., 1992 on the Main Theme, "Settlement Planning-Concepts and Systems".

(b) One of the workshops was devoted to Public and Private sector participation. One of the recommendations _ of the Seminar states that Participation of both public and private sector in the spatial development process is necessary but it should be conflict free.

(c) to (e) The revised draft National Housing Policy envisage encouraging the involvement of licenced private developers in land development, construction and infrastructure provision with adequate legal safeguards.

Racket in the allotment of Dwaraka Housing Project

1538. SHRI KRISHNA KUAMR BIRLA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have initiated an inquiry into the alleged racket in the allotment 'of Dwarka Housing Project and for failure to protect substantial area of land from encroachment;

(b) if so, what is the outcome of the inquiry ; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) While there has been criticism of encroachment and faulty Planning, no inquiry has been initiated by the Government since there is no prime facie evidence of racket in the allotments in the Dwarka Housing Project. Encroachments in the Project area are being dealt with in accordance with the provisions of law.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Setting up of control room in DDA to deal with encroachments

1539. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the DDA has issued a Notice on 17-2-92 advising people of Delhi regarding setting up of a Contorl Room to deal with the problem of encroachments on DDA land;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the details of action to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether DDA proposes to involve the site staff of DDA to check encroachments on DDA Land;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not,the reasons therefor; and

(f) what action is proposed to be taken against DDA site staff who are reponsible for illegal encroachments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is reported by Delhi Development Authority that a Control Room has been set up in DDA for reviewing complaints from the public on all working days including holidays like Saturdays and Sundays to supplement the efforts of DDA's field staff in this regard.

(c) Complaints received are passed on to the competent authority for initiating action for removal of encroachments as per law.

(d) and (e) Site staff viz. guards, pat-waries, field investigators, junior engineers etc. have been deployed to report the encroachments so that immediate action can be taken to remove the same.

(f) DDA reports that cases where the irregularities regarding collusion of DDA site staff responsible for illegal encroachments come to notice, action is taken, under the rules.